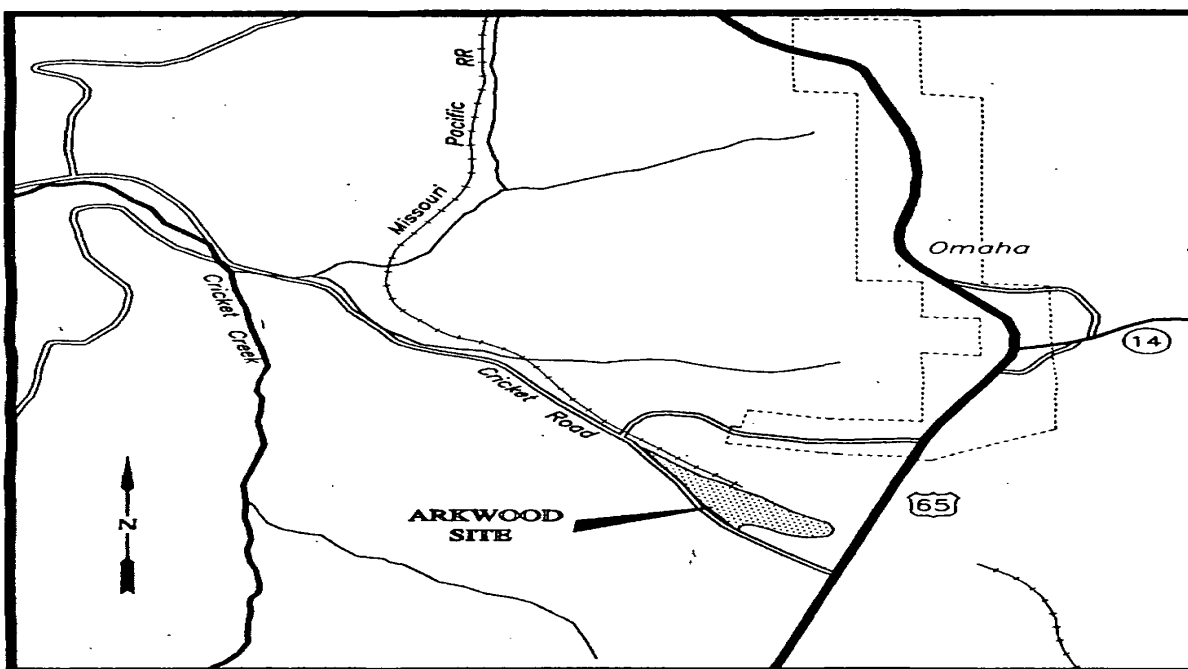


Figure 1



GENERAL AREA MAP

B. History

The Site was developed in the 1950's when a railroad company excavated about 40 to 50 feet below natural grade to obtain fill dirt for constructing a railroad embankment. Arkwood, Inc. began wood treating operations at the Site in 1962. The operations consisted of a millwork shop, a wood-treating plant that used creosote and pentachlorophenol (PGP) in its process, and a yard for storing treated wood products prior to sale. Wood-treating operations involved bringing untreated timber posts and poles to the Site, placing the wood materials into a treatment cylinder where the chemical preservatives were introduced under pressure.

In 1973, the site owner leased the wood-treating facility to Mass Merchandisers, Inc. (MMI). MMI continued to operate the Arkwood plant until June 1984. Subsequently, the remaining inventory was sold or removed from the site. In January 1985, MMI's lease expired and was not renewed. The owner dismantled the plant in 1986.

During its 20-plus years of operation, wastes from plant operations were disposed of onsite. From 1962 through 1970, wastes were reportedly dumped into a sinkhole adjacent to the treatment plant. The sinkhole was subsequently sealed and the wastes were placed in a ditch adjacent to the railroad until approximately 1974 when MMI began using a chemical recovery process. Other wastes included liquids used to wash the treatment plant floor and equipment. Such waste liquids were accumulated in a tank and then spread over the wood storage yard to control dust.